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SUBJ: B-W IMPORTS FROM U.S. ROSE 35 PERCENT IN 1974

1. PRELIMINARY PARTIAL FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS FOR
CY 1974 INDICATE THAT BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG'S IMPORTS
FROM UNITED STATES ROSE BY 35 PER CENT IN VALUE OVER
1973. SINCE VALUE OF TOTAL BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG
IMPORTS FROM ALL FOREIGN SUPPLIERS ROSE BY ONLY 23 PER
CENT, WE INFER THAT U.S. BENEFITTED FROM BOTH
BETTER SUPPLY POSITION AND FROM DELAYED IMPROVEMENT IN
COMPETITIVE POSITION ENSURING FROM 1973 DEVALUATION.
MUCH OF INCREASE OF COURSE REPRESENTS INFLATED PRICES,
AND 98 PER CENT INCREASE IN OIL SEED IMPORTS REFLECT
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LIFTING OF 1973 U. S. EXPORT BAN. HOWEVER, 32 PER CENT

RISE IN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND INSTRUMENTS AND
46 PER CENT INCREASE IN MISCELLANEOUS MACHINERY SUGGEST
CLEAR IMPROVEMENT IN U.S. COMPETITIVE POSITION FOR THESE
CATEGORIES.

NOTE: THESE STATISTICS DO NOT INCLUDE SUCH BULK COMMODITIES
AS RAW COTTON WHICH ENTER THROUGH NORTHERN PORTS AND NEVER
GET INCORPORATED IN B-W FIGURES.

2. AS MORE DETAILED STATISTICS BECOME AVAILABLE, ESPECIALLY
ON VOLUME OF TRADE, AND AS WE ARE ABLE TO CONSULT
COMMERCIAL CONTACTS FOR THEIR VIEW ON IMPLICATIONS, WE WILL
REPORT FURTHER ON CAUSES OF IMPROVED U. S. EXPORT POSITION.
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